

Departure of the First Pony Express.
St. Joseph, Mo., April 4.—The departure

The Express was delayed two hours, last evening, by the delay at New York making, in the mean time an immense crowd had gathered round the express office to witness the inauguration of this great and novel enterprise. Before the departure, the assembly were addressed by Mayor Thompson, and Messrs. Majors and Russell, of the Express Company, who in brief and appropriate remarks set forth the benefits to be derived from the Express, and its undertaking, and added the prospects of its future and undoubted success, which were received with applause.

The Messenger, from New York, lost a connection by the withdrawal of a train between Detroit and Chicago, which would have delayed the Express twenty-four hours, but through the courtesy of General Superintendent Hayward, of the Hamball and St. Joe, and the Chicago & North Western, a special train from Palmyra, running four hundred and ninety-two miles in four hours and fifty-one minutes, making six stops of five minutes each, he arrived so as to only delay the Express two hours and fifteen minutes.

At a quarter past seven o'clock the bag containing voluminous telegraphic dispatches from all parts of the country, for the Sacramento Express, was brought in by the *Alta*, forty-nine letters, nine private telegrams, and some papers for San Francisco and intermediate points, was for the request of W. H. Russell, placed in the hands of the Railroad agent, who brought it immediately amid great enthusiasm, when the rumormongered and the little bay dashed off with rapid rate, bearing her burden toward Golden State.

The return courier should arrive here Friday, the 13th inst., when his advices will be promptly forwarded.

All telegraphic dispatches for this route are deposited in a box besides a triplicate being taken on linen, prepared for the purpose, and indelible ink, and carefully sealed. Waterproof copies are thus forwarded to different points in order to guard against any chance of delay or misapprehension.

SAN FRANCISCO, K. T., April 4.—The Pony Express has been running for the first forty-five minutes, and showed no signs of fatigue.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, April 4.—Mr. August Schell appeared before Mr. Corvode's Committee to-day, and refused distinctly to produce the list of contributors to the electioneering fund raised by the New York Hotel Committee without assigning any reason for such action. He was asked by Mr. Corvode whether he did not confer with the President and members of the Cabinet between the period of his first examination and his second, and he replied that he did not submit it, and the second examination today, when he proposed a written substitute for his testimony of the value of the fund, and the number of subscribers. He tried to evade inquiry by stating that he had seen many persons between those two days, but when pressed directly, he said he had seen the President and members of the Cabinet, and it was after conference with them that he would consent to exhibit the list to the committee.

Captain Jarvis writes, under date of the 21st of March, that Miran's bombardment had damaged the city considerably, with the destruction of life. The commander of the French fleet, who had addressed a letter concerning the capture of the Mexican steamer, to the Secretary of the Navy, declined to accept for the tone of his correspondence.

No action has yet been taken by government in regard to the prisoners captured by the Mexican steamers. The United States Government declines to assume any further responsibility, and consider the matter entirely the hands of the judiciary. Attorney-General Black has been engaged in Court, and the city is full of rumors of the importation of boats which are involved.

April 4.—At a meeting of the Pacific Railroad Committee last evening, a definite resolution was arrived at by the adoption of the following resolution, offered by Mr. Custer:

Resolved, That the road shall start for two points, one on the western boundary of the State of Missouri, and the other on the western boundary of the State of California, the line bearing westward, and another within two hundred miles of the Mississippi river, and thence proceeding by a direct trunk-line by the nearest and best route to the city of San Francisco, or to the navigable waters of the Sacramento, in the State of California.

Connecticut Elections.

HARTFORD, April 4.—Returns from the town in the State give Buckingham, (R.) for Governor, 536 majority. The official count, it is thought, will not vary the result much from these figures. The Republicans participate in the House, against last year, and 7 majority in the Senate against a last year.

To-morrow night the Republicans have arranged a torchlight procession in honor of their victory.

WATERBURY, April 4.—The Republican city are celebrating their victory here a grand torchlight procession. The "Awakes," in uniform, march with bands, and hundreds of guns are fired and the city is alive with enthusiasm and excitement.

From Providence.

PROVIDENCE, April 4.—The election is progressing with a great deal of vigor in this city, and the indications are that Sprague will have a large majority.

It is expected that the returns from country towns show that Sprague is running strong, and it is believed he will be elected by a decided majority.

PROVIDENCE, April 4.—P. M.—The election has gone for Wm. Sprague, (Dem.), by error, by a large majority.

Arrival of Santa Fe Mail.

INDEPENDENCE, April 4.—The Santa Fe Mail arrived to-day. No hostile Indians. Some trains were met going to the mines. The cattle was not scarce, except where they were retarding the emigration ward. The indignation here against error Stewart and his abettors is very strong and hanging and burning is the order of the day.

Fires.

LOUISVILLE, April 4.—The bulk of stock of Sutcliffe & Pieris will be destroyed by fire and water. It is by now.

CLARKSVILLE, April 4.—Thomas & Clarkin & Bradley's tobacco establishment and many other buildings, were destroyed by fire last night. The losses not yet ascertained but supposed to be heavy.

Auction Sales of Tea.

NEW YORK, April 4.—The public sale this morning was fairly attended, but the market was lower than yesterday. Prices of green tea were low, but the black teas were higher. A lot of 300 lbs. of Young Hyson—No. 35, brought \$34.50; Imperial—\$34.50; Souchong—\$34.50; Oolong—\$34.50; Souchong—\$34.50.

From Montreal.

MONTREAL, April 4.—The weather is bright. The ice is breaking up. The river is open. The port of the city is open. The shipping is stirring. The River there is every prospect of an early opening of navigation.

Murder.

MADISON, April 4.—In an affray at Lincoln, Indiana, last night, a man named Wackler, formerly of Indianapolis, was killed by Tum Wright, of Louisville.

Overboard Bound.

Boston, April 4.—The Canada mail boat for New York, left Boston for New York.

PITTSBURGH, April 4.—M. and silver inches by the pier mark, and staves